

THE LIBERATION OF PARIS

OPTIONAL THREE-NIGHT PRE-TOUR
EXTENSION PROGRAM



Bringing History to Life

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Featuring Michael Neiberg, PhD

Our custom-curated pre-tour in Paris focuses on the political tug-of-war inside France during its occupation. The Vichy regime spread to the southern portions of France under the administration of World War I hero Philippe Petain, while the Germans occupied the northern half, including Paris and Normandy. The Vichy government collaborated willingly with the Nazis, administering pro-German policies including the rounding up and deportation of the Jewish population of France. Along the northern coast, German forces oversaw the construction of the Atlantic Wall and gradually reduced freedoms during a four-year occupation. Michael Neiberg, author of *The Blood of Free Men: The Liberation of Paris, 1944* joins the pre-tour to offer insight from his research.

\$1,899* per person double occupancy, \$2,399* single
*\$129 per person taxes & fees are additional.

Program Inclusions

- Tour with Michael Neiberg, historian and expert on the liberation of Paris
- Three-nights accommodations at the 5-star Hotel du Louvre
- Transfer from Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG) to Paris
- Transfer to S.S. *Joie de Vivre* on embarkation day
- Two full days of touring, including all admissions
- 3 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 1 Reception
- Beer, wine, and soft drinks with included lunches and reception
- Expert local guide/tour manager
- Private, first class air-conditioned coach
- Personal listening devices on all included touring



Photo Adolf Hitler in Paris, France. Courtesy of Sueddeutsche Zeitung Photo / Alamy Stock Photo.

Program Itinerary

Day One – Arrival

Arrive into Charles de Gaulle International Airport (CDG) and transfer to Hotel du Louvre where the balance of the afternoon is free to explore the City of Light. This evening, meet your fellow tour mates at a welcome reception.
Accommodations: Hotel du Louvre (R)

Day Two – Hitler’s Victory Tour of Paris

In June 1940, Hitler visited Paris at the conclusion of a battlefield tour of Belgium and France. Over the course of one day, he visited the Eiffel Tower, the Opera, the Pantheon, and Napoleon’s tomb among other sites. Today, visit these historic stops and learn more about Paris under German occupation. Hitler came away from his whirlwind tour with both an admiration of Paris and a desire to surpass its breathtaking architecture with a vision for a new Berlin created by architect Albert Speer.
Accommodations: Hotel du Louvre (B, L)

Day Three – Liberation

On August 25, 2019, the 75th anniversary of the Liberation of Paris, a newly renovated Liberation Museum opened to the public. This museum chronicles the events in Paris from the German invasion in May 1940 to the surrender of Nazi Germany in May 1945. Through those four years, Parisians either adapted to or resisted their occupiers. Resistance groups formed around numerous ideologies, and the exhibitions detail the efforts by Jean Moulin to unify the disparate groups. Continue the exploration of Paris’ liberation at other key sites around the city.
Accommodations: Hotel du Louvre (B)

Day Four – Transfer to S.S. *Joie de Vivre*

After breakfast and a morning at leisure, transfer to S.S. *Joie de Vivre* to begin the main tour program. *(B)*

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ACCOMMODATIONS



Hotel du Louvre
Paris, France

A short walk from the Louvre, the Palais Royal, and the Opéra Garnier, the 5-star Hôtel du Louvre invites you to explore the City of Light from one of the best locations in the city. This luxurious hotel offers bright, spacious rooms and stunning architecture. Amenities include a fitness center, room service, and complimentary internet access.

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